

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17, 20-27, and 32-35 are pending.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for graciously extending Applicants' representative an interview to discuss the rejections in the Final Office Action. In the Final Office Action, on page 2, the Examiner indicated that some of the features upon which Applicants have relied for patentability have not been expressly recited in the claims and therefore have not been formally considered for purposes of distinguishing the cited references.

These features include (1) storing a code that corresponds to the user-selected parental level on the disk itself and (2) storing a code corresponding to the changed level on a disk. During the interview, Applicants proposed to amend the claims to recite these and other features for purposes of more clearly distinguishing the cited references. These amendments have formally been made of record in this paper.

As amended, claim 1 recites "storing the second parental code in a navigation area of a disc from which the video signal is received, the second parental code corresponding to a first user-selected parental level selected from a plurality of parental levels" and "blocking viewing of an entire program corresponding to the video signal based on detection of the second parental code in the navigation area of the disc."

In addition, claim 1 recites that the method further comprises "generating an on-screen display (OSD) menu listing the parental levels, receiving a second user-selected parental level based on a selection of one of the parental levels in the OSD menu, the second user-selected parental level being different from the first user-selected parental level, and changing the first user-selected parental level to the second user-selected parental level on the disc, said changing including storing a code corresponding to the second user-selected parental level in the

navigation area of the disc to be used in place of the first user-selected parental level previously stored in the navigation area of the disc.” (See, e.g., pages 7-11 of the specification for support).

These features are not taught or suggested by the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination. Based on these differences, it is submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable. Claims 17 and 25 have been amended to recite features similar to some of those which patentably distinguish claim 1 from the cited references. Furtherance of claims 17, 25, and their dependent claims to allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections in the Final Office Action and furtherance of the application to allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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